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PRIORITY - [REDACTED] GENSER MESSAGE - 4089 CHARS - AMHS MSG NBR: 424-126235
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(1) (S/NF) [REDACTED]
(2) (C/NF) [REDACTED]

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(1) (S/NF) CHINA: SINO-SOVIET BORDER INCIDENT

(U) ACCORDING TO RECENT PRESS REPORTS, A BORDER CLASH OCCURRED ALONG THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER BETWEEN THE XINJIANG AUTONOMOUS REGION AND THE SOVIET REPUBLIC OF KAZAKHSTAN IN MID-JULY. THIRTEEN SOVIET BORDER GUARDS IN DISGUISE REPORTEDLY RAIDED AND FIRED ON THREE CHINESE BORDER GUARDS AND TWO HERDSMEN. ONE OF THE CHINESE GUARDS WAS KILLED AND ONE WAS WOUNDED; THE HERDSMEN WERE CAPTURED. THE SOVIETS CLAIMED THE CHINESE GUARDS CROSSED THE BORDER INTO SOVIET TERRITORY AND OPENED FIRE. MOSCOW IS SAID TO HAVE LODGED A VERBAL PROTEST ON 14 JUL. A PRC FOREIGN MINISTRY OFFICIAL, INDICATING THE CHINESE HAD BEEN CONDUCTING A "NORMAL PATROL MISSION," FORWARDED A STRONGLY WORDED VERBAL PROTEST TO MOSCOW ON 17 JUL.

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REPORTED BORDER INCIDENTS HAVE BEEN INFREQUENT. IN MAR 74, THE CHINESE ARRESTED AND DETAINED THREE MEMBERS OF A SOVIET HELICOPTER CREW WHO MADE A FORCED LANDING IN XINJIANG. IN MAY 78, SOVIET FRONTIER GUARDS CROSSED THE URSURI RIVER INTO CHINESE TERRITORY, ALLEGEDLY IN PURSUIT OF AN ARMED SOVIET CRIMINAL. OTHER INCIDENTS OCCURRED IN 1979 AND 1980. IN VIEW OF THE STANDOFF ALONG THE SINO-SOVIET BORDER, ISOLATED EVENTS CAN BE EXPECTED PERIODICALLY. IT IS UNLIKELY THE MOST RECENT VIOLENCE, IF CONFIRMED, WILL IMPACT ADVERSELY ON THE GRAUAL WARMING OF SINO-SOVIET RELATIONS.

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